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TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

| Period | Number of disputes | | Workers involved ('000) | | Working days lost ('000) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| | Commenced in period | Total(a) | Newly involved(b) | Total(a) | |
| 1983 | 1,779 | 1,787 | 452.8 | 470.2 | 1,641.4 |
| 1984 | 1,958 | 1,965 | 551.1 | 560.3 | 1,307.4 |
| 1985 | 1,830 | 1,845 | 552.6 | 570.5 | 1,256.2 |
| <i>Twelve months ended—</i> | | | | | |
| April 1984 | 1,825 | 1,850 | 444.5 | 464.4 | 1,382.8 |
| 1985 | 1,919 | 1,938 | 582.4 | 588.3 | 1,321.9 |
| 1986 | 1,780 | 1,799 | 511.1 | 516.7 | 1,295.8 |
| <i>1985—</i> | | | | | |
| May | 134 | 153 | 64.8 | 70.3 | 98.4 |
| June | 134 | 156 | 28.5 | 34.7 | 57.3 |
| July | r206 | r230 | 54.2 | 60.3 | 109.8 |
| August | 176 | 210 | 72.2 | r96.5 | 136.3 |
| September | r170 | 192 | 38.3 | r60.8 | 103.3 |
| October | 205 | 230 | 74.4 | 82.3 | 184.2 |
| November | 176 | 200 | 52.1 | 56.3 | 142.4 |
| December | r104 | 117 | 29.2 | 32.4 | 45.0 |
| <i>1986—</i> | | | | | |
| January | 77 | 84 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 15.2 |
| February | 151 | 161 | 32.2 | 48.1 | 120.5 |
| March | r141 | r158 | r26.5 | r43.2 | r63.1 |
| April | 106 | 126 | 32.4 | 51.8 | 220.3 |

(a) Refers to all disputes in progress during the period. (b) Comprises workers involved in disputes which commenced during the month and additional workers involved in disputes which continued from the previous month.

TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

| Period | Mining | | Manufacturing | | Construction | Transport and storage; Communication | Other industries (a) | All industries |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|---|-------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | Coal | Other | Metal products, machinery and equipment | Other | | | | |
| 1983 | 122.8 | 194.7 | 157.6 | 120.7 | 337.2 | 213.6 | 494.8 | 1,641.4 |
| 1984 | 131.1 | 193.2 | 144.8 | 249.3 | 116.3 | 150.6 | 322.1 | 1,307.4 |
| 1985 | 233.8 | 106.3 | 107.3 | 189.4 | 175.3 | 180.4 | 263.7 | 1,256.2 |
| <i>Twelve months ended—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| April 1984 | 114.7 | 245.5 | 116.0 | 163.7 | 269.0 | 144.0 | 329.9 | 1,382.8 |
| 1985 | 233.5 | 134.2 | 152.6 | 208.0 | 107.7 | 183.4 | 302.5 | 1,321.9 |
| 1986 | 352.2 | 117.3 | 96.1 | 184.9 | 161.6 | 152.9 | 230.7 | 1,295.8 |
| <i>1985—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| May | 9.3 | 3.7 | 24.4 | 19.5 | 33.3 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 98.4 |
| June | 11.5 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 6.9 | 14.1 | 1.2 | 17.8 | 57.3 |
| July | 6.3 | 11.7 | 6.0 | 31.0 | 22.4 | 16.3 | 15.9 | 109.8 |
| August | 6.9 | r16.8 | 10.5 | 50.0 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 13.7 | 136.3 |
| September | 25.6 | 6.8 | 13.3 | 11.9 | 31.4 | 4.5 | 9.8 | 103.3 |
| October | 16.0 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 21.6 | 10.0 | 27.2 | 100.5 | 184.2 |
| November | 7.1 | 32.9 | 5.6 | 14.9 | 10.3 | 57.6 | 14.1 | 142.4 |
| December | 18.6 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 8.7 | 45.0 |
| <i>1986—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 15.2 |
| February | 83.3 | 6.6 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 14.8 | 120.5 |
| March | r15.7 | 5.0 | 12.2 | r9.8 | r3.4 | 8.5 | 8.7 | r63.1 |
| April | 150.5 | 22.9 | 7.3 | 11.8 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 18.9 | 220.3 |

(a) ASIC divisions A, D, F and I to L.

TABLE 3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

| Period | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Aust. (a) |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-----------|
| 1983 | 801.2 | 257.7 | 135.0 | 87.7 | 270.6 | 67.8 | 1,641.4 |
| 1984 | 660.6 | 187.5 | 236.5 | 25.5 | 119.2 | 50.5 | 1,307.4 |
| 1985 | 398.7 | 355.9 | 336.2 | 22.5 | 92.9 | 20.6 | 1,256.2 |
| <i>Twelve months ended—</i> | | | | | | | |
| April 1984 | 619.2 | 224.0 | 138.9 | 31.5 | 266.4 | 81.1 | 1,382.8 |
| 1985 | 594.9 | 196.6 | 353.6 | 23.1 | 93.4 | 33.2 | 1,321.9 |
| 1986 | 508.6 | 350.0 | 255.6 | 23.3 | 101.1 | 21.9 | 1,295.8 |
| <i>1985—</i> | | | | | | | |
| May | 29.8 | 26.7 | 25.9 | 1.3 | 10.0 | 3.6 | 98.4 |
| June | 26.5 | 22.5 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 57.3 |
| July | 34.5 | 37.4 | 11.6 | 2.4 | 13.2 | 5.4 | 109.8 |
| August | 41.9 | 21.4 | 46.6 | 4.2 | 13.3 | r4.7 | 136.3 |
| September | 35.8 | 7.7 | 48.2 | 2.4 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 103.3 |
| October | 43.5 | 119.8 | 7.7 | 3.0 | 7.7 | 1.3 | 184.2 |
| November | 30.3 | 64.3 | 29.3 | 0.9 | 11.8 | 0.8 | 142.4 |
| December | 22.9 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 45.0 |
| <i>1986—</i> | | | | | | | |
| January | 5.7 | 4.8 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 15.2 |
| February | 81.6 | 6.9 | 20.3 | 1.8 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 120.5 |
| March | r37.3 | r12.2 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 0.8 | r63.1 |
| April | 118.5 | 19.5 | 57.2 | 1.6 | 20.7 | 0.3 | 220.3 |

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

CHART 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1985 AND 1986

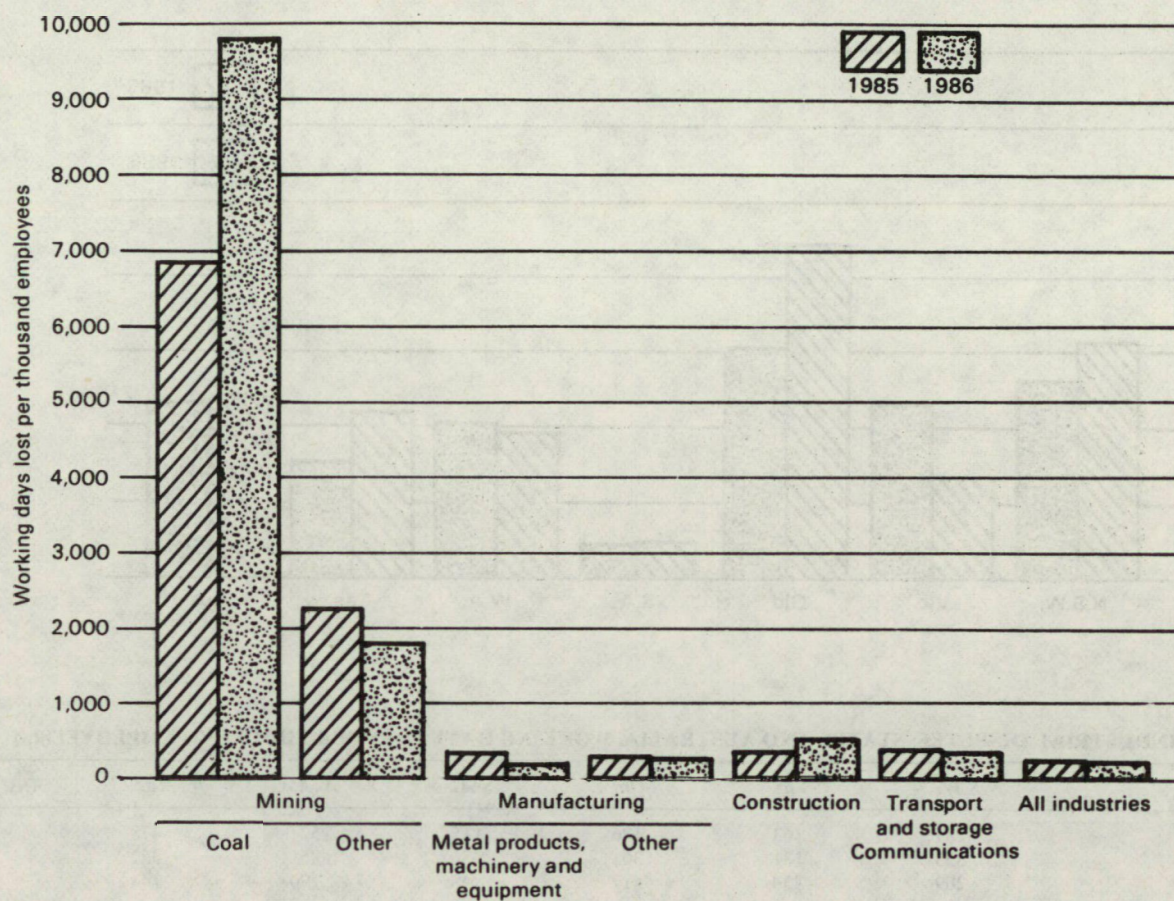


TABLE 4. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES (a)

| Period | Mining | | Manufacturing | | Construction | Transport and storage; Communication | Other industries | All industries |
|----------------------|--------|-------|---|-------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Coal | Other | Metal products, machinery and equipment | Other | | | | |
| 1983 | 3,223 | 3,375 | 353 | 186 | 1,269 | 485 | 42 | 249 |
| 1984 | 3,543 | 3,286 | 327 | 387 | 427 | 346 | 94 | 246 |
| 1985 | 6,739 | 1,723 | 242 | 296 | 580 | 404 | 75 | 230 |
| Twelve months ended— | | | | | | | | |
| April 1985 | 6,868 | 2,275 | 342 | 324 | 370 | 417 | 86 | 245 |
| 1986 | 9,810 | 1,805 | 220 | 288 | 524 | 340 | 64 | 233 |

(a) Excludes agriculture, etc. and private households employing staff.

CHART 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATES AND AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES, TWELVE MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1985 AND 1986

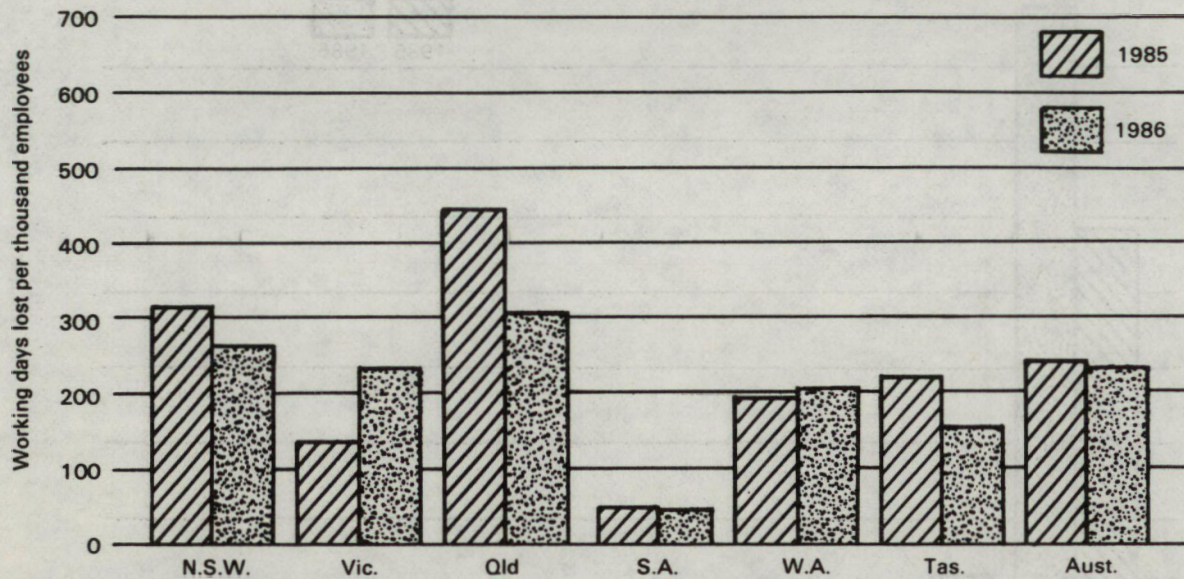


TABLE 5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATES AND AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES(a)

| Period | N.S.W. | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | Aust.(b) |
|----------------------|--------|------|-----|------|------|------|----------|
| 1983 | 287 | 163 | 176 | 115 | 577 | 478 | 249 |
| 1984 | 355 | 131 | 301 | 56 | 251 | 352 | 246 |
| 1985 | 209 | 239 | 417 | 48 | 190 | 144 | 230 |
| Twelve months ended— | | | | | | | |
| April 1985 | 315 | 135 | 446 | 50 | 194 | 220 | 245 |
| 1986 | 263 | 232 | 308 | 49 | 202 | 152 | 233 |

(a) Excludes agriculture, etc. and private households employing staff. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.